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Excerpted from W5YI Report...

## Banquet reminders highlight February meeting

FARA has a site for its banquet, White's Corner in Southboro and Chairman Lew Nyman, K1AZE, asked those who were planning to attend the dinner to turn in their reservations early.

The dinner is scheduled for Sunday March 28, with cocktails set for 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. The menu consists of three choices, steak, sole or chicken. Lew also reminded club members that the food is very good.

Reservations for the event are still open and a flyer for the event is included in this newsletter.

In other February business, club members heard from Treasurer Dick Marshall, WA1KUG, on the state of the club's treasury and membership renewals. Wayne Ledder, W1EWL, a member of the Education Committee, gave a brief report, while George Blakeslee, N1GB, chairman of the scholarship committee, gave a report on its activities.

According to George, the formal announcement of the Dr. Carlton Crosby Scholarship is ready to go out and the deadline for it is April 10. The announcement will be made in May. Remember, the scholarship is open to any high school senior or college student who is planning to or is attending college and who is an Amateur Radio operator.

In Flea Market matters, Lew mentioned the semi-annual Flea Market will be April 5 and that flyers will be ready soon. It was also suggested that posters be made and used. Dick discussed the exams planned for the Flea Market and noted that as many Volunteer Examiners as possible will be needed to help out.

This wrapped things up and the meeting adjourned at 8:08 when we turned our attention to Tom Frenaye, K1KI, ARRL division director, who discussed various Amateur Radio issues.

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*March 1987*

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## **From the podium**

Excitement is in the air, March has finally arrived and Spring can't be too far behind. And, as Spring and March come in together, so do thoughts of the banquet and Spring Flea Market. Let's all get together and have a great time with family and friends. If you haven't paid for your banquet tickets please get in touch with Dick Marshall, WA1KUG, or Lew Nyman, K1AZE, at the meeting. Also, please sign up for your time slot to work at Flea Market. Last year, we have a great turnout to help with set up, and the job went very smoothly. So, let's pitch in and have a good time making both events successful.

Congratulations to those who received their Novice tickets and the very best wishes to those upgrading at Flea Market.

Once again, FAR owes a great deal of attitude to Ed Weiss, W1NXC, and Wayne Ledder, W1EWL, for their dedication and hard work in teaching Novices, as well as Tech and General Classes.

73 and Happy Spring, Burt, N1DDO

## **Heard 'round the Circuit**

...Congratulations to Woody, W1RCJ, and Oone, W1ZEN, Woodward, on the addition of another operator to their family, KA1PON, their daughter. She surprised her folks by earning her Novice recently. In fact, according to Woody, they really never knew she was studying. By the way, with her new license KA1PON fills in a generation so that there are now three generations of hams in the Woodward clan, Woody and Oone are the proud grandparents of N1DFQ and KA1NOJ.

...Best of luck to Ken Horton, KA1GFN, as he studies for his Emergency Medical Technician certificate. He's got a long road ahead.

## **Swap and Shop**

FOR SALE: (Shack cleaning sale)

Heath SB104A HF transceiver with power supply and speaker, \$495.

Heath HW-2036A, two-meter mobile rig with new Micoder II mic, \$145.

Yaesu FT-207R two-meter handheld with extra battery, speaker mic, and 13.8 Vdc car hookup, \$155.

Palomar Engineers electronic keyer, \$70.

Contact, Paul, KA1GLB, at 529-3516.

## Social Notes

March 5, FARA Meeting

March 11, ARES Meeting

DATE: March 14

PLACE: Westwood High School

DEALER SETUP: 8 a.m.

ADMISSION: \$2

TALK-IN: 146.895 repeater or .52 dir.

For more info call 769-0955.

DATE: March 14

PLACE: Hudson Lions Club Hall

DEALER SETUP: 8 a.m.

ADMISSION: \$1

TALK-IN: 146.85 or 146.52

For info: 603-883-9441; 603-623-0628

DATE: March 15

PLACE: Elks Home Putnam Ct.

ADMISSION: \$2

TALK-IN: 147.225/.825 or .52

For info: 203-923-2727

DATE: Sunday April 5

PLACE: Civic League Building

DEALER SETUP: 8:30 to 10 a.m.

ADMISSION: \$2

TALK-IN: 147.15 REFRESHMENTS: Yes)

For info: Contact Jon at 877-7166\Children under 12 free with adult)

CLUB: Norwood ARC

EVENT: Flea Market

OPEN TO PUBLIC: 9 a.m.

TABLE PRICES: \$10

Send check to Norwood ARC, 76 Winter Street, Norwood, Mass. 02062

Interstate Repeater Society

EVENT: Flea Market

OPEN TO PUBLIC: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TABLE PRICES: \$8

REFRESHMENTS: Yes

I.R.S. P.O. Box 693 Derry NH 03038.

CLUB: Eastern Ct. A.R.A.

EVENT: Flea Market

OPEN TO PUBLIC: 9 a.m.

TABLE PRICES: \$7

REFRESHMENTS: Yes

FCC exams will be given.

CLUB: F.A.R.A.

EVENT: Flea Market

OPEN TO PUBLIC: 10 a.m.

TABLE PRICES: \$10

# FARA BANQUET

SUNDAY MARCH 29

1987

WHITE'S CORNER

RESTAURANT

RT. 9 SOUTHBOROUGH

TIME: 5:00 COCKTAILS  
6:00 DINNER

- CHOICE OF . 12 OZ. SIRLOIN STEAK  
          . BAKED STUFFED FILLET OF SOLE  
            WITH CRABMEAT STUFFING AND LOBSTER NEWBURG SAUCE  
          . 1/2 ROAST CHICKEN

WITH SOUP, SALAD, ROAST POTATOES, VEGETABLE, DESSERT, AND COFFEE

COST: \$10.00 EA. FOR FARA MEMBER AND ONE GUEST  
      \$13.00 EA. FOR OTHER GUESTS

PRICES INCLUDE TAX AND TIP

RESERVE NOW — LIMITED SEATING!

RETURN COUPON BELOW WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO FARA TO:

DICK MARSHALL  
37 LYMAN RD.  
FRAMINGHAM, MA 01701

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NO. OF GUESTS \_\_\_\_\_

CHOICE - QTY

no. \_\_\_\_\_  
SIRLOIN

no. \_\_\_\_\_  
FILET OF SOLE

no. \_\_\_\_\_  
CHICKEN